

B.C. INDIANS OBJECTED TO RAILROAD BUILDING

Members of Kwapix Tribe Lay Claim to Entire Territory and Object to Construction of Provincial Government Road—Chief Obstructors Placed in Jail.

Hanilton, B. C., Nov. 4.—Further trouble with the Indians occurred Thursday last, when a number of the Kwapix tribe attempted to stop construction on the Provincial government road into Kwapix valley, about eight miles above here. They attacked Foreman McCulley and his demands and threats if they were not obeyed, and succeeded in having two of their number thrown into the water and a third well thrashed for their interference. The Foreman then reported the matter to the authorities at Hanilton and the chief constable with a deputy went up to investigate. Upon their arrival they were met by the Indians and asked to attend a conference of the tribe, which they did in company with Foreman McCulley and an interpreter.

Claimed Whole Territory. The Indians, in stating their side of the case, laid a claim to the whole of the territory, as they have been doing heretofore, and declared they did not wish the road built, and would not permit it. They also stated that the whites must leave generally and that McCulley in particular, who is a rancher in the Kwapix valley, must go or they would dispose of him to their own satisfaction. Repeating finally the facility of trying to reason with them and considering a reasonable display of force necessary, the officials returned to town.

Forceful Measures. The same evening they received advice that following the conference the Indians had held a subsequent meeting and following this meeting had proceeded to seize and carry away almost the entire camp and construction outfit of the road construction gang, of which McCulley, foreman, and had gone to the length of stipulating the time when all settlers must vacate their buildings in Kwapix valley and leave the country. Taking such action as the situation seemed to demand. Chief Constable McMillan-Douglass went in an organized force of about fifty picked men and marched them in the dead of night upon the Kwapix Indian settlement.

On the Still Hunt. After crossing them secretly over the Skeena river the chief, accompanied by some of his constables proceeded to awaken the missionary at that point and took him along to point out the houses in which the "wanted" ringleaders were to be found. As each "wanted" Indian was located he was put in iron and sent up to the police party's headquarters. As the chief and party moved down through the long row of pole-houses

houses searching for the Indians wanted, a covering party of about forty-five men all heavily armed flanked the settlement and prevented any moving in order to avoid arrest.

Eight in Chains. The whole affair was so well planned and thoroughly carried out that the natives were taken absolutely by surprise and practically no resistance was offered. After the "Bunchers" was thoroughly gone, over eight of the leaders in the trouble making were sent to Hanilton in a canoe heavily armed and guarded in jail. They will be tried when the police have secured what evidence they require against them.

The Kwapix tribe number about 200 able bodied men.

Indian Land Sale. Bulkhead, Nov. 6.—The sale of Indian lands was concluded here today, 20,000 acres being disposed of. The average was a little over 28 per acre, but some went as high as \$15, the low run being accounted for by the inclusion of a large area fit only for grazing. The heaviest buying was done for a large number of French-Canadian in Michigan who will remove shortly to this district.

TRADE REFLECTS PROSPERITY Conditions Both in Canada and U. S. Show Big Improvement.

New York, Nov. 4.—Wheat including flour exports from the United States and Canada for the week ending November 4th, as reported by Telegraph in Bulletin, aggregated 2,297,453 bushels, against 1,299,140 bushels last week and 47,000,274 bushels this week last year. For the thirteen weeks ending November 4th exports are 22,713,634 bushels against 17,746,391 bushels in the corresponding period last year.

Corn exports for the week are 374,000 bu. c/s against 326,448 bushels last week and 272,381 bushels in 1905. For the thirteen weeks ending November fourth, exports are 3,600,040 bushels against 2,876,702 bushels last year.

Canadian Crop Conditions. Trade in Canada continues favorable and prices in practically all lines are firm. Farmers in the northwest have heavily loaded on their grain crop, and as a result money is circulating freely. In addition merchants in all the large centres are being benefited. Basic conditions are excellent, but there is a tendency to

support caution in granting unqualified credit. Retail trade is good, and necessities are up to expectations. Stock exchange in October recorded a previous month, the record being \$22,415,423, a gain of 24 per cent over September last and of 25.5 per cent over October 1905. For the week ending with Thursday last payments through the clearing house aggregated \$12,348,000, 10 per cent over last week and 21 per cent over the like week last year. Business failure for the month number 127 with liabilities of \$531,565. In October 1905, there were 122 failures and liabilities amounting to \$528,125. Failure for the week terminated with Thursday last number 24 which compares with 24 last week and 32 in the corresponding week of 1905.

Guilty of Manslaughter. Portage la Prairie, Nov. 6.—Richard Hodge, farmer, accused of manslaughter in connection with the death of a Barabois boy, Alfred Owens, was found guilty this afternoon by the jury, who suggested that he be severely reprimanded from the bench for neglecting to look after the boy, which was actually done.

Hon. Frank Oliver was the guest of the Canadian club this evening when he gave an interesting review of Western development during the past thirty years.

KING GROWS EPIGRAMATIC Says Conflict With Lords May Leave Him Only Hereditary Institution.

London, Nov. 7.—King Edward is in an excited controversy with the British nobility over the budget. His Majesty's view about the budget is that he desires, intensely, to smooth away the conflict between the lords and commons. Of the possible results of this conflict the king said: "It may leave me the only hereditary institution in the three kingdoms."

King Edward, it is said is trying to bring about a settlement of a divorce suit in which a wealthy young Duke is to be named a respondent. This is a particularly unfortunate movement, when the very existence of the House of Lords is threatened for a Duke to appear in such a scandalous light.

Lumber Mills Destroyed.

Sherbrooke, Que., Nov. 7.—The mills by Lumber company's mills at St. George, Quebec, were destroyed by fire Saturday night, with a loss of over \$50,000, with \$20,000 insurance.

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